GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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WIDENING AND UPGRADATION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for widening and upgradation of National Highways from two to four, four to six and six to eight lane;

(b) the number of proposals received from various State Governments for widening and upgradation of National Highways, particularly for four-lane to six and eight lane, State-wise, location-wise;

(c) the action taken by the Government on the proposal; and

(d) the number of proposals pending for clearance and the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): The widening and upgradation of National Highways from two to four/six lane are considered based on volume of traffic, providing connectivity to places of economic, commercial and tourists importance etc. For the National Highways design service volume for 2-lane highways in plain terrain is taken as 15,000 PCU / day.When the traffic exceeds the capacity of 2-lane highway then widening to 4-lane is considered. When traffic exceeds 25,000 PCU / day, widening to 6-lane is considered. At present, no criteria has been decided for further widening from six to eight lane.

(b) to (d): During current year 15 proposals from State Government for widening from 2 to 4/6 lane were received. Out of which 11 proposals have been sanctioned.3 proposals are at various stages of sanction. Sanction of remaining one proposal depends upon compliance of observation from State PWD. Detail is enclosed at Annexure.